

Mary Reid Lindsay Murdoch

Mary Reid was born October 23, 1851, in Glasgow, Ayrshire, Scotland, to James and Elizabeth Cummings Reid. She was the third child in a family of nine. Her parents and four children left Scotland for America in 1856, enduring many hardships and suffering from exposure. Mary, a child of five years, walked all the way. She was in the same company as "Wee Granny" (Mary Murray Murdoch), the ill-fated Martin-Willey Company.

They moved to Heber Valley in the fall of 1862 and later were called to help settle Cache Valley. Mary returned to Heber and worked for various people, doing general housework.

Samuel Lindsay and Mary Reid were married December 31, 1871, in Heber. Samuel Lindsay was born March 4, 1851, in Lanarkshire, Scotland, to William and Christina Howie Lindsay. He was the fifth in a family of nine. His father was killed in a mine accident in 1861.

In the spring of 1862 his widowed mother and family of eight made plans to come to Utah. They left Kilmarnock on April 19, 1862, and sailed from Liverpool April 22, landing in New York on June 4. They travelled on to Florence, Nebraska, where they waited for ox teams to take them to Utah, arriving in Heber on September 21, 1862.

Samuel and Mary Reid Lindsay had the following children: William C., James Reid, Margaret, and Georgiana. They homesteaded a plot in Center Creek. Samuel worked part-time in the mines in Park City to earn the necessary means to provide for his family, and while there, in 1880, he contracted an illness which caused his sudden death on July 27, 1880.

The same pioneer faith and determination that helped them cross the plains made it possible for Mary to carry on now in her time of grief. With the help of her children, she made a brave struggle, with no complaint and with a grateful heart for any kindness shown her by friends and relatives.

In 1887 she was married to William Murdoch, a widower, who had arrived from Scotland in 1878 and had located in Lake Creek. His family, two sons and two daughters, were all married. They were: James 'D', David L., Margaret Adamson, and Janet Baird. William and Mary had three children, namely: William Louis, Mary Murray, and Lizziebell.

They sold their Lake Creek property and moved to Heber, where they lived many years. William Murdoch passed away in March, 1913, and was buried in the city cemetery in Heber, Utah.

Mary was again called to mourn the loss of loved ones with the death of her daughter Margaret Lindsay Burt, in

January, 1916, and again in the death of her daughter Mary in November, 1918. After this sorrow, she felt it best to sell her home and move to Idaho to be near her children living there and her two sisters and a brother at Lorenzo, Idaho. She passed away there June 22, 1929, and was brought to Heber City for burial beside her first husband, Samuel Lindsay. She had led a long and useful life.

Parents and Family
of
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James Reid was born on January 12, 1816, in Iuch, Wigton, Scotland, to John and Mary Murray Reid. His father was a seaman and died at sea when James was a very small boy. His mother later married John Muir.

Elizabeth was born July 8, 1824, at Monkton, Ayr, Scotland, to Louis and Elizabeth Wilson Cummings.

They were married about 1841 and lived in Glasgow, Scotland. James was a leather worker and made and repaired shoes most of his life. Elizabeth was a skilled needle worker and did eyelet embroidery by contract for the royalty of Scotland. They were blessed with a family of nine children, five born in Scotland. They were: Elizabeth Reid Smith, William G. Reid, Mary Reid Lindsay Murdoch, James, John, Margaret Ann Nelson, Isabell Muir, and Robert.

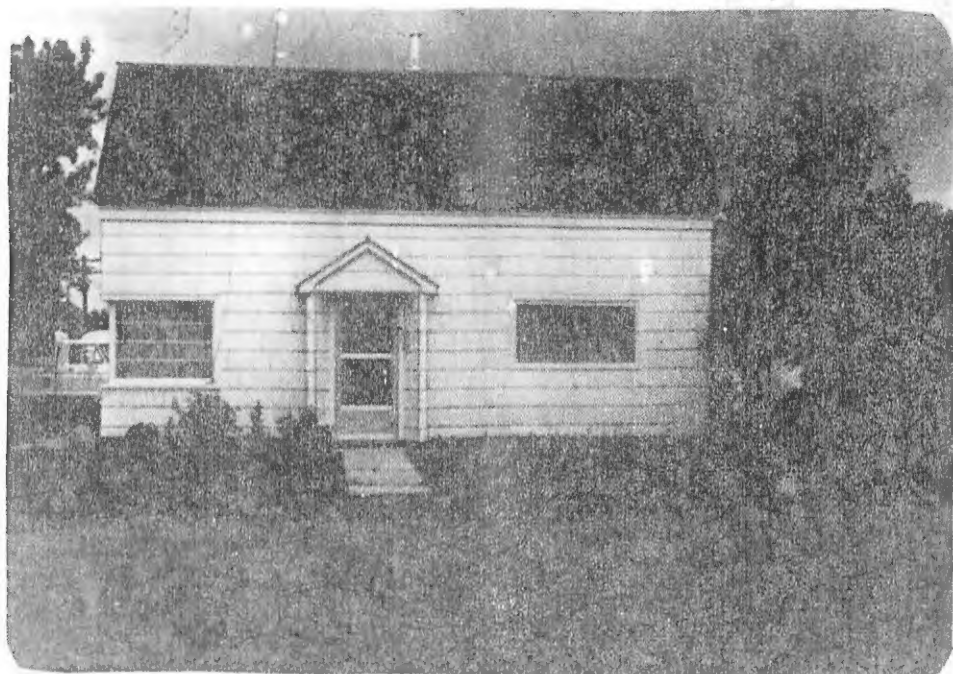
They joined the LDS Church in Scotland and immediately made plans to come to the valleys of the mountains. They left their native land March 17, 1856, crossed the ocean in a small and poorly equipped sailing vessel, and were eight weeks reaching New York. Finally they reached Florence, Nebraska, and made plans to travel with the James Willie Handcart company across the plains to Zion. They, along with all others, endured great hardships and suffering. A near tragedy came to them one night when their daughter Lizzie fell through the ice while attempting to get a bucket of water from the stream nearby. They worked with her all night, taking turns warming blankets over the campfire to keep her alive and as comfortable as possible. When morning came and they were packed and ready to start on the day's journey they found that the father's fingers and mother's feet were frozen. On they trudged each day, paying no attention to their own ailments. The mother's toes rotted off before they reached their destination. Due to these injuries they were not able to work at their trades for many months.

They were taken care of by his mother and stepfather, James and Mary Murray Muir, who had arrived in 1853 with the Appleton Harmon Company. They settled in Heber Valley in the fall of 1862 and lived in the fort for some time. Later they built a home on a lot now located about Second West and Center. They also tried to prove up on a claim in Daniels Creek, but because of Indian troubles were advised to give it up. James Reid was a member of the Wasatch Militia.

A few years later they were called to help settle Cache Valley, and spent their remaining years in Smithfield. James continued his work there, in charge of the shoe repairs in the U & I Shoe Shop for many years. He passed away January 12, 1886. He was buried in Smithfield City Cemetery, Utah. Elizabeth passed away August 1, 1910, at the home of a daughter in Lorenzo, Idaho. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Smithfield.

(Taken from "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," by Wasatch County Daughters of Utah Pioneers.)

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William Murdoch's Home in Heber City, Utah



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WIVES

(THREE GENERATIONS)

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18 Apr 1847-24 Mar 1864

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Where Moor, Old Cumnock

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